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PVRS News

The junior class of the Pioneer Valley Regional School sponsored the first semi-formal dance of the school year on Friday at the school gymnasium. The room was nicely decorated with a huge Christmas tree, a red and silver sleigh with gaily wrapped packages, festoons of streamers, stars, mistletoe, and greens.

The grand march was led by William Pratt, the class president and his partner. In the receiving line were faculty sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Tephm, Mr. and Mrs. John Callahan, and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad S. Bayley.

Miss Margaret Streeter, a member of the Senior Class, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Streeter of Northfield was elected "Snowball Queen" by popular ballot and the other three candidates: Judy Wilder, a junior, Diane Leach, a sophomore, and Claire Walbridge, a freshman became members of her court. All were presented gifts by the class president.

The affair was well attended as it was open to the public. Music was by Bill Maloy's orchestra. Mrs. Samuel Yeager was class advisor.

New equipment for the PVRS school library arrived this past week. The new furniture includes check-out desk, card files, dictionary and atlas stands, magazine and bookracks a newspaper rack and several chairs. The furniture, in light golden finish, is most attractive.

At the last meeting of the PVRS committee the members looked over this new library furniture and also inspected a truck load of government surplus materials just received which includes shop tools, shop stock, a radio receiver and other scientific equipment. The contract for the gymnasium curtains to eliminate sun glare was awarded to Brown's Curtain Co. of Amherst and Superintendent Turner was asked to prepare a list of other school windows needing curtains.

A contract for furnishing the school with fuel oil was given to Lodge Petroleum Company of Greenfield at 8.675 cents per gallon. Other bidders were Turners Falls Coal Company and Mackin of Millers Falls. The committee voted to pay Principal George M. Leonard's expenses to a principals' convention to be held in Philadelphia in February and a committee members' transportation and lodging if it is possible for one to

accompany him.

Tuesday afternoon a special Christmas program planned by the student council was enjoyed before the school closed at the usual hour for the Christmas vacation. There was music and Christmas selections in the auditorium, refreshments served in the cafeteria and a carol sing in the lobby.

Instead of an exchange of gifts among the students, the Student Council has asked each student to donate the price he would pay for a gift to a fund to be given to the Salvation Army of Greenfield for charitable work at Christmas time and through the year.

Miss Christine Coleman, of Orange, entertained the school at a recent assembly. Miss Coleman, a former teacher of dramatics at Becker Junior College, told the students a little about some of the Broadway hit plays and through the use of dramatic monologues enacted some of the parts of the play "I Remember Mama." She also gave two very humorous skits. The program was sponsored by the student council.

Last week a series of news screen digests, sponsored by the Massachusetts Life Insurance Company, was shown to the students. It covered Queen Elizabeth's opening of Parliament, a summary of China's past leading up to present difficulties there and Pope John's coronation. At the close of the film a few excerpts from Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" were presented.

David Barnes, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Robert P. Barnes, was elected Student Government Day representative at the Pioneer Valley Regional School at the recent election. Barnes, a senior, was a member of the cast of the recent class play and of the Glee Club and he's interested in baseball, archery and bowling. He is a member of the Trinitarian Congregational Church.

Richard Leach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kenneth Leach of Northfield, Farms was elected alternate. An honor student, Leach is a member of the Student Council and also took part in the senior play. His particular interests are archery, basketball, chess club and the glee club.

He is a member of the Trinitarian Congregational Church and vice president of fellowship in the Franklin Association of Pilgrim Fellowships.

Repeta-Lagimoniore Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Repeta of 60 Main street announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ann, to Ernest Lagimoniore of Montague City.

Miss Repeta is a graduate of Northfield high school, Mount Ida Junior college and Worcester Memorial hospital school of medical technology.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Turners Falls high school and of General Electric apprentice draftsman school in Pittsfield. He served two years in the army and is now at Holyoke Junior college.

Panel to Discuss Food & Nutrition

Are you interested in spending less on food and still eat well? Ways of keeping your food budget as low as possible while promoting optimum nutrition will be presented by the Franklin County Extension Service at a meeting at Western Mass. Electric Company Jan. 7 at 8 p.m.

The program is based on wise market selections of foods, planning nourishing meals and relative economics and nutrition of home preservation. Food from the field to the table and its ultimate cost to you will be the keynote.

The panel to present the information will be:

Harriet J. Wright, Extension foods and nutrition specialist, "Nutrition and Menu Planning"; Marjorie M. Merchant, Extension specialist in consumer marketing education, "Food Marketing"; Kirby M. Hayes, extension marketing specialist, food technology, "Food Preservation."

If you are interested in attending the meeting or want more information, please contact the Extension Service or call PRescott 3-9698.

Choirs Present Special Music

A junior instrumental choir and the senior choir directed by Eugene Gancarz presented the music at the vespers service at the Trinitarian Congregational church Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. Mrs. Robert P. Barnes was organist.

Members playing instruments were cornetists, Gail and Susan Leonard and Linda Scott; trombonist, Henry Prescott; clarinets, Lois Heselton, James Neigh, Charles Payne and Nancy Schouler. Mr. Gancarz assisted in two selections.

Members of the senior choir taking part included: sopranos, Mrs. Horace Bolton, Mrs. Manuel Lopez, Mrs. Joseph Reeves, Mrs. George M. Leonard and Miss Della White; altos, Mrs. William Shattuck, Mrs. George Carr, Miss Sophie Servaes, Mrs. William Walker, Mrs. Milford W. Atwood and Mrs. Gordon Leavis; tenors, George M. Leonard and David Amaden; and basses, Robert Barnes, Donald McColester and Eugene Gancarz.

Mrs. Lopez, Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Shattuck and Mr. Amaden sang solos. Rev. Joseph W. Reeves conducted the service and gave Bible readings. Ushers were David Walker, Edward Cregar, Brian Scott and Bennett Nicholson.

Party Honors George W. Carr Celebrating 50 Years Service

George W. Carr was guest of honor at a surprise party Friday evening celebrating his 50 years of employment by the Northfield schools.

The party was given at the Northfield hotel by his fellow

workers at the Northfield School for Girls with more than 100 attending. He was presented with a sum of money.

George Carr came to Northfield in 1905 from Ulster County, N. Y., to work for the town blacksmith but he began work Jan. 9, 1909, at the school in charge of the farm shop. In 1927 he was made superintendent of the farm and grounds until his retirement in 1949.

However, since his official retirement he has continued to work as manager of the farm shop, doing necessary work around the school buildings.

He has held many town offices, was selectman for 17 years and most of that time was in charge of welfare. He has also been a member of the Republican town committee many years. He has two sons, Gordon, living on the west coast and William in Connecticut. His first wife, their mother, the former Lillian Lyman, died in 1939.

He later married Carrie Jeanette Cook and with her is enjoying his retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Carr left Dec. 24 to spend the winter at Paradise Bay, Bradenton, Fla.

Alaska To Be Topic At Fortnightly Meet

The Rev. Frank Benjamin Carr, Jr., will discuss Alaska at the meeting of the Fortnightly Friday, Jan. 2. Mr. Carr was brought up and lived in Worcester most of his life. He graduated from Cornell university and the Union Theological seminary in New York. He and his wife and young family live at Mount Hermon school where he is assistant chaplain.

Mr. Carr spent one summer in Alaska under the government agricultural department. He will show colored slides and tell of the work done there.

The coffee hour from 2 to 3 o'clock will precede the meeting. The committee members are: Mrs. Donald McColester, chairman, Mrs. Carlton M. Woods, Jr., Mrs. Herbert H. Maynard and Mrs. Walter W. Hyde.

Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

A meeting of the Fancy Feathers 4-H club was held recently at the home of Stanley Galda at Northfield Farms who gave the group of nine members who were present pointers on making a correct demonstration. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 6 at the home of Charles Payne who lives by the Bennett Meadow bridge.

Northfield folks are glad to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Howard L. Rubendahl to their Main street residence. Dr. Rubendahl, now president of the Northfield schools and his family have moved into what was known as the old Pomeroy house, one of the most beau-

tiful old homes on our Main St., now owned by the Northfield schools.

Mrs. Joseph W. Field of Main St. is spending the holidays with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Field of Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leyden and two sons of Colgate university, Hamilton, N. Y., will spend Christmas with Mrs. Leyden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bolton, of Wanamaker road. Mrs. Leyden and children will remain for a week while her husband goes on a singing tour with the "Colgate 13" singing group of which he is assistant director.

Northfield Garden Club Sponsors Highly Successful Christmas Sale

The Garden club Christmas sale and open house held last week was most successful and many homes in the area must be made more attractive with the great number of wreaths, arrangements and decorations sold by the club members.

Assisting at the sale with Mrs. Norman G. Nims, club president, and Mrs. George Carr, general chairman, were Miss Mabel Willey and Mrs. Raymond Parenteau.

During the day open face Christmas sandwiches donated by Mrs. Constantine George, and cakes were served with coffee by Mrs. Stanley Bistrek, chairman, Mrs. G. Borden Granger, Miss Alice Drake, Mrs. Fred Huber, Mrs. Walter Bailey, Miss Jill Palmer and Miss Olive Horn.

A large della robia wreath, made by Mrs. Nims, was awarded as a door prize to Miss Beanie Moore. Miss Alice Drake played Christmas music on the piano during the afternoon.

This was a new project for the club and the members were very satisfied with the results.

Miss Nancy Gouding Weds W. M. Packard

Friday, Dec. 19, Miss Nancy Gouding of Rye, N. Y., and William Moody Packard, grandson of Mrs. William R. Moody of East Northfield, were married in St. Thomas' church in New York City by Rev. Fr. Lanier.

The bridegroom's aunt, Mrs. Thomas Malbon of Greenfield, with her husband and daughter, Maggie, went to New York to the wedding. The reception was held at the home of another aunt, Mrs. Frank Smith. The Packards will make their home at 320 East 85th street, New York 28.

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Christmas Greetings To All

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Northfield Press:

Property owners of Northfield are puzzling over the biggest problem of their time since the income tax was instituted and quiz shows began.

There are nine questions as to land classifications and use on the first page. The second page requires a sketch of land and buildings. Then follow three pages of 11 categories pertaining to building description beginning with age of the house. (Northfield has many very old ones) and including from "crawl space" in the basement to the sky above.

They would also like to know how the property was acquired, which we would hope would not be embarrassing to any one; the purchasing price, mortgage, insurance and alterations. Also if you obtain any income from rents or lease, and if so how much and for what, and lastly what you would consider a fair market value of your property. All this as soon as possible and just before Christmas.

That many will have mailed these in before Christmas is doubtful but they should be completed before the income tax forms are to be made out as good practice for the latter.

The Board of Assessors states "To have these new values available for 1959, we need to have this information returned to us as soon as possible."

No truer statement can be made for to change these figures into a usable form will take time and then some more.

The one redeemable statement is this, "In order that your property may be evaluated properly, will you fill in this form to the best of your ability?"

This property owner doubts his ability, but has two suggestions: first that some local artist solicit the job of making the sketches on page two and so increase his income tax (!) and second that the property owner look for a place to rent!

A Puzzled Property Owner

After being thoroughly soaked in a cold, wet winter rain, get out of the clothes and into a dry martini as quickly as possible, advised Alexander Woolcott once.

Inflation has finally hit the stick-up people. A young woman in New York robbed a lingerie shop and requested the fives, tens and twenties — no singles.

Church Notes

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. JOSEPH W. REEVES, Minister
Mrs. F. H. MOSSE, Director of Christian Education

EUGENE GANCARZ, Choir Director
Mrs. ROBERT P. BARNES, Organist
Saturday evening, 8 p.m., Dec. 27, holiday dance sponsored by the Pilgrim Fellowship at the town hall.

Sunday:

9:45 a.m. Church School

11 a.m., public worship, sermon subject, "Is It Good to Be Alive?" Pre-school age children will be cared for by Mrs. Linwood Wallace, children in grades 1-4 supervised by a group of high school girls.

6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship, Edward Shearer, leader. Judy Thompson will speak on "A Summer Trip to Europe."

NORTHFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. CHARLES D. MOORE, Minister
Mrs. L. P. GOODSPEED, Organist and Choir Director

RAY A. KNAPP, Church School Superintendent

Sunday, 9:45 a.m., church school; 9:45 a.m., sermon, subject, "Building Bridges of Understanding."

4 p.m., special vesper service to which the public is invited. The program has been arranged by Leon Dunnell and Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed. Miss Nancy Mann, local soloist, and Mrs. Clifford Jackson of Winchester will be soloists. Mrs. Goodspeed, church organist, will play selections on the church organ and Leon Dunnell will play on a Kinsman electric organ which is being installed for the service by Al Monroe of the Kinsman Electric Organ company of Laconia, N. H.

ST. PATRICK'S Catholic

Rev. HENRY MCKEON, Pastor
Rev. ANTHONY RZASA, Curator
9:30 a.m., catechism classes.
10:30 a.m., Sunday morning mass.

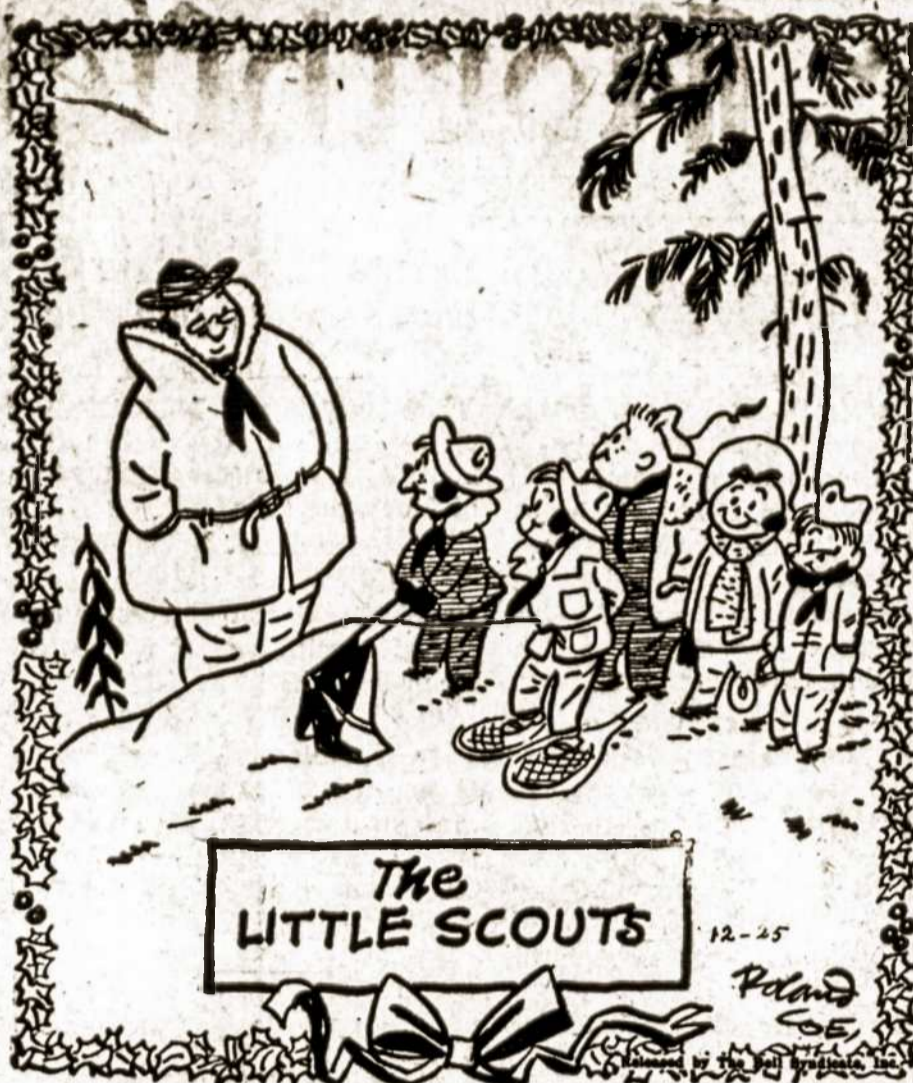
NORTHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. HAROLD TALLMAN, Pastor
Mrs. BERNARD NEUP, Organist
Mrs. WINIFRED TOWNSEND, Assistant Organist

Mrs. RALPH PERRY, Pianist
Mrs. WILLIAM MESSER, Sunday School Superintendent
10 a.m., Sunday school.
11 a.m., morning worship with

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sermon, nursery and junior church
6:30 p.m.—Young People.
7:30, evening evangelistic hour.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., "Hour of Power."

MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE CLASSES

Monday—7:30 p.m., Bible study at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rogers.

Thursday afternoon, Bible club for elementary school children at the Rogers home. Mrs. Arthur Stacey, leader.

All who are interested are invited to join these study groups.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Rev. RICHARD GRIFFIN, Pastor
Miss HAZEL JOY MARCY, Organist
Mrs. HOMER BROWNING, Sunday School Superintendent

The Fellowship supper scheduled for Dec. 27 has been cancelled.

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Sunday school.

11:30 a.m., worship service.

3 p.m., radio rally at the Barnardston Baptist church.

6:15 p.m., young people's meeting.

7:30 p.m., evening service.

Tuesday, 7 p.m., visitations.

Wednesday, New Year's eve watch night service.

Friday, 3:30, Sing and Bring club.

Saturday, 10:05, Sing and Bring time on WHAI.

Jan. 3, Young People's rally at Moores Corner.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON

Rev. EVERETT MOORE, Pastor
Mrs. RALPH GIBSON, Organist
Mrs. HAROLD PARSONS, Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., worship service subject, "This Is the Victory."

7 p.m., Young People's meeting.

7:30 p.m., evening service, Bible message.

Tuesday, all day meeting of the Connecticut Valley Bible conference at the Christian Missionary Alliance Church of Greenfield.

Wednesday, 8 p.m., New Year's eve watch night service with a varied program presented by the church, Sunday school and the young people.

Thursday evening, no prayer meeting.

It is reported that the government-owned company which operates Britain's socialized railways will have an operational deficit of \$130 million this year—far above the losses of the last two years.

There are 35,888,977 Catholics and 59,823,777 Protestants in this country, according to Newsweek. Of the Protestants, the Baptists are much the most numerous with 19,708,121 communicants.

10-Year-Old Christmas Tree Still a Fast Grower

Did you know that the tree which so gaily decorates your home with its lights and ornaments took about 10 years to grow? It seems like a long time, but the Christmas tree is actually the fastest growing forest crop.

A short time before you placed your Christmas tree in your living room and surrounded it with presents, the tree was probably growing in another country. According to John H. Noyes, Extension forester at the University of Massachusetts, less than five per cent of the trees used in Massachusetts are grown in the Bay State. Most of our trees are imported from Canada.

The balsam is generally accepted as making the best Christmas tree. Although it is grown in Massachusetts, some soils are not suited to raising this specie. Since producers are experimenting with several species, the tree you have may be a Douglas fir, Scotch pine, sible and again, a great deal of "These species are producing ideally shaped trees, and are now becoming popular with consumers."

"Christmas tree work," says Noyes, "involves year-round effort. The time when large numbers of quality trees will be produced on abandoned fields without any human effort is drawing to a close."

He believes that increases in population, income, and the number of separate dwelling units should bring a greater demand for Christmas trees in the coming years. "Christmas tree growing," he adds, "can be a profitable business for many Bay State landowners who are willing to grow and merchandise a high quality product."

Fortune magazine forecasts a spectacular boom in capital spending during the next two years. According to it, even conservative estimates show that the total capital goods market by the second quarter of 1961 probably will amount to a record \$53 billion a year—30 per cent above the current market.

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Thomas Cushing Estey

Thomas Cushing Estey, 88, professor emeritus of mathematics and former dean of Amherst college, died Sunday, Dec. 21, in Brattleboro, Vt., following a short illness. He had been living in Northfield for several years.

Prof. Estey was born in Amherst in 1870, one of four sons of the late Prof. William C. and Martha Cushing Estey. He attended Amherst high school and graduated from Amherst college in 1893.

He spent a year in business in Boston and, in 1894, joined the faculty of the Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland. The following year he returned to Amherst college as Walker instructor in mathematics, the chair held previously by his father. He was dean of the college for seven years and for five years was secretary to the faculty.

He received an M.A. from Amherst college and an honorary LLD upon his retirement. He was a member of Pacific Lodge, AF and AM of Amherst, a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Psi Upsilon fraternity.

His wife, Annette Hopkins Estey, died in 1948. He leaves a son, Thomas C. Estey, Jr., of Boynton Beach, Fla., and a daughter, Eliza Sigourney Estey of Northfield.

Funeral services were held privately.

Garden Deep-Freeze Highly Successful

A useful deep freeze is located in every Northfield residents' backyard garden. On Dec. 17 Harry Erickson dug the best carrots he ever tasted right out of the insulated deep freeze in his garden.

He says, "Just cover the rows with pine needles and leaves before a heavy frost, then the first inches of snow will do the rest. Mark the end of the rows with posts so you can find the rows. Except for a thin crust of frost the earth beneath is soft as summer soil."

He also picked fresh brussels sprouts the same day and they, too, were sweet and tender.

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New Ski Area Opens In Western Mass.

Western Massachusetts' newest
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three different degrees of steep-
ness facing the northeast, the area
seems to provide good skiing with
even a few inches of snow.

The slope features a profes-
sionally engineered, 1200-foot Un-
derwood Tow, with all the latest
improved safety devices. Flood-
lights have been installed for
night skiing.

A parking area for 1000 cars
has been provided. Heated rest-
rooms are located in the warming
house which has a huge circular
fireplace. Light lunches and hot
drinks will be sold. Happyland
Farms, directly opposite will cater
to those wishing a more varied
menu or full course meals. A ski
patrol will be on duty at all times
and there is a first aid station
in the warming house.

For those who want to go ice
skating, there will be supervised
day and night skating on Happy-
land Lagoon, with floodlights af-
ter dark.

It is planned to hire a ski in-
structor and to operate a skiing
school in the near future, and to
open more trails and tows as
conditions permit. Also in the plan-
ning stage is a completely equipped
ski shop with repair facilities.

The area is located at the jun-
ction of Routes 20 and 8 at the
foot of Jacob's Ladder, about 35
miles west of Springfield and 20
miles south of Pittsfield. The tow
will operate from 2 p.m. to 10
p.m. on weekdays, 10 a.m. to 10
p.m. on weekends.

A party of scientists from three
affiliates of the Standard Oil Co.
of New Jersey has begun an in-
tensive examination of a remark-
able oil deposit in eastern Vene-
zuela. The oil is a mere five to ten
thousand year old, which means
that it is still in the embryonic
stages of development. Thus the
discovery has provided the first
opportunity in history to observe
nature in the act of creating an
oil reservoir.

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Through a Kitchen Window

The radiance and the wonder of
more we know, the more we shall
see in Christmas.

The story of the Nativity would
not be complete without mention
of the lowly shepherds on
Jerusalem's hillsides watching
their flocks by night: "And the
glory of the Lord shone round
about them," or the mysterious
figures of the Wise Men around
whom the glory also shone.

We do not know how many
wise men there actually were. Al-
though some say there were
twelve, by tradition we have come
to believe there were three, possi-
bly because of the three gifts.

The three Wise Men, wearing
handsome robes and cloaks of
camel's hair came from the east
Christmas grows upon us. The
to Jerusalem, guided by a beauti-
ful and wonderful star. They
joined a long camel caravan for
safety across the desert, bringing
with them their precious treas-
ures as offerings to the Christ
Child, born in Bethlehem. "...
they presented unto him gifts:
gold and frankincense and myrrh."

These Magi have come to be
known by name. Melchior, king of
Arabia, about 60 years old,

brought a casket of gold, Baltha-
zar, king of Ethiopia, or Saba, the
Biblical land of Sheba, land of
spices brought frankincense in a
censer.

His age is believed to be about
40 years. Gaspar, king of Chaldea,
ancient kingdom on the Persian
Gulf, often represented as a youth
of 20, is said to have brought
myrrh in a gold-mounted horn and
a loved and well-worn toy for the
little child.

Each of these three precious
gifts was considered symbolic and



prophetic: gold, tribute to a king;
frankincense with its sweet odor,
for holy priesthood, and myrrh,
for the Great Physician, and to
foreshadow a suffering.

In return for the gold they are
said to have received the gift of
charity and spiritual wealth; for
frankincense they attained perfect
faith; and for myrrh they enjoyed
perfect truth and meekness.

The gold would have come from
far off India or possibly Ophir, a
region in S. Arabia from which
Solomon obtained gold and gems.
The gum-resins of frankincense
and myrrh could have come from
India, Arabia or eastern Africa.

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Light is a must in picture
taking, but that doesn't neces-
sarily mean sunlight. Moon-
light, candlelight, street light—
all of these will do nicely not
only as a source of inspiration
for your camera, but as an ef-
fective source of light as well.
Indoors, either flash or flood
can be used to throw light on
your subject after the sun has
gone down.

Essential to any camera on
the night shift is a tripod or
some other solid support. With-
out it, you may spoil your pic-
ture—for even the slightest
amount of movement during a
time exposure can be fatal to
the result.

As for the length of expo-
sure to be used for night shots,
there's really no hard-and-fast
rule to follow. You'll need a
little patience and a bit of trial-
and-error at first. Since there'll
be widely differing light condi-
tions and subjects, your best
bet will be to try several ex-
posures—noting the length of
time and the lens opening used
for each shot. Some picture-
takers like to stick to the "rule
of three"—one exposure based

on checking prevailing condi-
tions carefully against those
listed in the instructions that
come with your film, another
exposure half as long, and a
third one about twice as long.

If you're wondering how you
can keep an eye on the subject
and still observe the second
hand on your watch to time the
exposure, there's an old snap-
shooter's trick you may want
to borrow. It seems somebody
once figured out that it takes
about one second to say "one
chimpanzee," another second to
say "two chimpanzees," and so
on. (No one has ever told us, but
we imagine a half second would
be worth only "one chimp".) We're inclined to think that
"one kangaroo" or "one lion
cub" would do just as well for
counting purposes, if you don't
happen to be partial to chim-
panzees!

With today's cameras and the
new films on the market, there's
no reason for not having fun
with your camera right around
the clock. So, how about put-
ting a little "night-life" next
on your shooting schedule?

—John Van Guilder

trees of the genus *Boswellia*, sim-
ilar to the terebinth or turpentine
tree, which are found in the So-
mali country of east Africa, south-
ern Arabia, Abyssinia and moun-
tain tracts of central India.

A deep incision is made in the
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peeled off. The sweet-smelling,
milky substance that exudes hard-
ens by exposure to the atmos-
phere and becomes brittle. Gathered from May to September, the
large, shiny globules are scraped
into a basket. The inferior qual-
ity that runs down the tree is
gathered separately. It is stored,
packed in sheep and goat skins,
carried on camel back to various
stations for shipment to Aden and
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Cut 2 rolls of Slice'n Bake Cookies in thin slices. Arrange slices in circles on ungreased baking sheets to make 8 scalloped-edge cookie layers. Use the following guide for diameters of the circles and the number of cookies used to make the outside edges; after forming the edges, fill in the circles with more cookies.

8" circle—12 cookie edge	4" circle—6 cookie edge
7" circle—11 cookie edge	3" circle—4 cookies in all
6" circle—9 cookie edge	2" circle—2 cookies in all
5" circle—7 cookie edge	1" circle—1 cookie in all

Also bake 14 additional cookie slices.

Bake cookies in moderate oven (375°) 7 to 11 minutes. Remove cookies from oven and immediately cut holes in each circle and each single slice with 1/4-inch cutter or thimble. Cool cookies 1 minute; then loosen with spatula and leave on baking sheet until thoroughly cooled.

Prepare 1 package Loaf-size Creamy Vanilla Frosting Mix as directed on label. Frost the 8 cookie circles; decorate with red cinnamon candies, and silver decorates. Trim slender candle (about 1/2-inch in diameter) to about 9-inch length; place in low candle holder. Slip largest cookie circle over candle, next add 2 plain cookies, then the 7-inch circle. Continue, placing 2 plain cookies between each frosted circle, and ending with frosted 1-inch circle. Light candle for flaming centerpiece.

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their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh..." It appears that this gum-resin was an object of commerce with Eastern nations more than 3600 years ago. It was used in embalming and purifying esteemed as an unguent, and with other spices, cinnamon and aloes, used as a perfume and holy oil.

One source of myrrh comes from a small, low, prickly shrub of stunted growth, represented by two species of *Commiphora*—*C. kataf* and *C. myrrha*, which grow in rocky places in Arabia and eastern Africa. The smooth leaves on the spiny branches are few, and ternate, made up of three leaflets. The gum exuding from the bark is at first rather oily, yellowish and soft, becoming brittle with age. It has a bitter, aromatic taste and a pleasing balsamic odor.

Another source of myrrh is *Cistus* or rock-rose, a small evergreen or partly evergreen shrub that grows among rocks at the edge of the desert, on the plains and nearly everywhere in the Middle East. In Bible times it was probably mixed with true myrrh (*Commiphora*), used an incense and in the highly perfected art of embalming.

These gum-resins, so expensive and so precious, were indeed the most treasured of gifts for the Child the Wise Men wished to honor for the King. Harnar

Holiday Stains Can Be Removed Easily

Sure as the holiday season arrives, homemakers are plagued the old question about how to remove candlewax drippings from the table linen or clothing.

Wax stains should not be difficult to remove at home, says Virginia Davis, Extension clothing specialist, University of Massachusetts. However, it does pay to use the best method on expensive table cloths or mats.

She says the first step is to gently scrape the hardened wax from the surface of the cloth with a dull knife. Then sponge the stain with cleaning fluid, as you would treat any grease spot. This is easier than the familiar method of laying the stained fabric on a blotter and pressing with a warm iron.

If any traces of color are left, they usually can be removed by sponging with a cloth dipped in a

Poultry Inspection Effective January 1

Massachusetts operators were reminded this week that the Poultry Products Inspection Act becomes fully operative Jan. 1, 1959. This means dressed poultry and poultry products which move interstate must be inspected for wholesomeness by an agent of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Inspection consists of examination and approval of individual carcasses by inspectors who are veterinarians or work under veterinary supervision in sanitary plants previously approved, reports the Cooperative Extension Service.

Excepted are poultry products from a producer-processor going directly interstate to household consumers or restaurants, hotels or boarding houses. The Agricultural Marketing Service of the U. S. D. A. is administering the regulation.

Passed in 1957, the new inspection law allowed plants to voluntarily ask for federal inspection after Jan. 1, 1958 or one year prior to its final effective date. Two of the four plants in Massachusetts presently are under inspection.

In early October, there were 387 plants in the U. S. under this type of inspection. It is estimated that about an equal number must qualify for inspection by the New Year to continue. There is a provision for a temporary delay in individual plants which have met approval and service cannot be provided.

mixture of two parts water to one part rubbing alcohol. With colored or printed table cloths, check the colorfastness before giving this last treatment, cautions Miss Davis.

Safety specialists add—whenever you use cleaning fluid, even a little, use it outdoors or in a well-ventilated room. The fumes can be poisonous. Also, keep away from the gift wrappings and trimmings and general array of flammable materials that abound during the holiday season.

Another stain which needs to be removed promptly is pitch which may drip from the greens that give your house a festive air. Miss Davis advises using a carpet sweeper or vacuum cleaner as soon as the needles fall.

Pitch may be removed by cleaning fluid. Use an eye dropper to moisten the spot, and rub with a clean cloth, from the outside toward the center of the stain. If your rug has a rubber backing, use as little cleaning fluid as possible and again, a great deal of ventilation.

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Miss Maverick Ellen Johnson, aged 100, died at the Bronson Nursing home Sunday, Dec. 23, where she observed her 100th birthday in October.

She was born in West Boylston, the daughter of William H. and Elsie Mena Ballard Johnson, and had been a resident of Gill since the age of two, except for three and one-half years when she lived with Mrs. Flora Seyerance in East Northfield and for the past five years spent at the Bronson Nursing Home in Northfield.

She was a member of the Gill Grange which was disbanded many years ago and the Friends in Council of Turners Falls.

She leaves three cousins, Mrs. Ernest Blake and Cleson P. Blake of Gill and Mrs. Ruth J. Cook of Worcester.

Funeral services were held at the McCarthy funeral home in Turners Falls Tuesday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Paul H. Chapman of All Souls Unitarian church of Greenfield officiating. Cremation followed in Springfield.

Center School Forms New Reporter's Club

A Reporters' club has been organized at the Center school by pupils of the sixth grade with Susan Leonard chairman and Ernest Moran, their teacher, advisor.

Members and the room teachers they represent are: JoAnne Butler, Miss Smithers' kindergarten; Margaret Chula and Patricia Butler, Mrs. Bolton's and Mrs. Thomas' grades 1; Dale Derry and Scot Sanderson, Mrs. Haack's and Mrs. North's grades 2; Harry Glazier and Linda Scott, Mrs. Stebbins' and Mrs. LaClaire's grades 3; Susan Leonard and Mary Hawley, Mrs. Sheldon's and Mrs. Miles' grades 4; Diane Walker and Linda Huber, Mrs. Parker's and Mrs. Barry's grades 5; Sally Atwood and JoAnne Klowan, Mr. Morell's and Mr. Moran's grades 6.

Unitarian Vesper Service Enjoyed by More Than 100

The vesper service at the Unitarian church Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by over 100 who attended.

The program arranged by Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, church organist, and Leon Dunnell, musician and teacher, follows:

Invocation, Rev. Charles D. Moore; pipe organ, "The Shepherds' Watch" by DeBrant, Mrs. Goodspeed; vocal solos, "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "My Prayer" by Humphreys, Mrs. Clifford Jackson; electric organ, "Ave Maria" by Shubert, excerpt from "New World Symphony," Dvorak, Mr. Dinnell; vocal solos, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," Negro spiritual, and "O Holy Night," Adam, Miss Nancy Mann; electric organ, "Meditation from Thais," by Massenet, "Deep River," Negro spiritual, and "Steal Away," Mr. Dinnell; flute and pipe organ, "Flute Sonata," three movements, by Bach, Miss Joanne Dickinson; flute, Peter Tanner, organ; pipe organ, "Postlude" by Ashford, Mrs. Goodspeed.

Mrs. Jackson is from Winchester and is a former voice student at the New England Conservatory. Miss Mann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mann of Northfield Farms and is a junior at Simmons college, doing voice

Fortnightly To Hear Rev. Frank B. Carr

Rev. Frank Benjamin Carr, assistant chaplain, of Mount Hermon school, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Fortnightly this afternoon at 8 o'clock. Mr. Carr spent one summer in Alaska under the government agriculture department and will speak and show colored slides of that new state. A coffee hour will precede the meeting from 2 to 3 o'clock.

Grange Receives Award Ribbon

The Northfield Grange held its final meeting for 1952 Dec. 23. At the business meeting an award ribbon was received from the lecturer of the Massachusetts State Grange for an "achievement" program.

An invitation was received from Millers River Grange of Orange to a "Neighbors' Night" meeting Saturday, Jan. 10, which was accepted. The birthdays of Mrs. Addie Black, Harold Carroll, Mrs. Georgia Holton and Mrs. Marian Griffin were honored.

There were visitors from Montague and state deputy of the New Hampshire State Grange George Joselyn and his wife and mother from Spofford, N. H., paid a call.

A program was presented by Lewis Shine, lecturer, which included carol singing, reading of Christmas poems and pantomimes. Each member gave an account of his best Christmas.

All enjoyed a potluck supper which preceded the meeting at 7 o'clock.

The next meeting of Northfield Grange will be held on Jan. 13.

Special congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Stryker of 131 Summer street, Amherst, on the birth of twin sons on Dec. 24 at the Cooley Dickinson hospital in Northampton. David Stryker is publisher of the Northfield Press and Mrs. Stryker his very able assistant.

work with a New England conservatory teacher.

Miss Dickinson is from Winchester and is a senior at the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Tanner, a graduate of the same college, is working for his master's degree there. Both are members of the Rochester, N. Y., Symphony orchestra.

At the close of the music service Mrs. Goodspeed expressed the thanks and appreciation of all to the guest artists.

The electric organ was installed and loaned for the occasion by the Kinsman Organ Co. of Lacombe, N. H.

The pipe organ at the church is a very old one—placed in the church when it was built in 1873 and the records state that the purchase price was \$300 and that it was second hand. Experts who have recently worked on this organ say that it is a very fine old organ of particularly good tone. However no name or place of the maker has ever been found on it.

The church committee will plan another hour of music at the church at some future time as this was deemed most gratifying by all.

Republican Town Committee To Nominate Slate for Caucus

The Republican town committee will meet Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the town hall at 8 o'clock. At this meeting a slate of officers to be nominated at the Republican caucus scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 21, will be formulated.

Town officers to be voted on at the March, 1953, town meeting and the present incumbents are: moderator, Edgar J. Livingston; town clerk, Horace F. Field; town treasurer, Charles F. Slate; selectman for three years, Stanley Wickley; assessor for three years, Clifford A. Field; tax collector, Roy J. Fish; school committee

member for three years, Irving J. Lawrence; library trustees, two for three years, Louise M. Reeves and Laman A. Barber; cemetery commissioner, David G. Quinn; tree warden, Joseph Blimmon; constables, four, one to be from Northfield Farms, Paul E. Chamberlain, Joseph G. Morgan, Niles E. Stone and Murray M. Hammond, and one planning board member, L. Percy Goodspeed.

Names of prospective candidates willing to serve in these various town offices will be considered and a slate selected by

vote to be sponsored at the caucus on Jan. 21.

The Republican committee, as a committee, may sponsor but one candidate for an office, but this does not preclude any registered Republican or any committee member, as an individual, from naming a candidate of his or her choice at the caucus.

Any person who wishes to propose an eligible person for a town office on this Republican slate may contact Wallace Stange, L. Percy Goodspeed or any other member of the committee.

St. Patrick's Church Sponsors Skating Party

An ice skating party will take place Sunday, Jan. 4, for all children of St. Patrick's church and their friends.

Everyone will meet in front of the church at 1:30 p.m. and transportation will be provided. Children will bring ice skates and 10 cents for a skating fee. Each child will also bring a lunch as all children will return to the church to have their lunches and the committee will serve hot chocolate.

Parents will pick the children up at the church at 5:30. Committee workers are Mrs. Leslie Gibson, Mrs. David Quinn, Mrs. John Callahan, Mrs. William Forrest, Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. Stanley Powers.

Center School News

Those children at the Center school who had perfect attendance during the month of December were:

Kindergarten, Miss Smithers, teacher; Roland Deane, Michael Plotczyk, Donald Bolton, Edward Dembek, Gregory Given, Joseph Krejmas, Jr., Frances Callaghan, Deborah Henderson, Janice Ross, Lou Ann Hartwell, Katherine Jones, Marjorie Kimball, Nancy Smolen, Bonnie Stearns and Sheila Thompson.

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Panel To Discuss Low Food Budgets

A meeting on ways of keeping your food budget low will be sponsored by the Franklin County Extension Service Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 8 p.m. at the Western Massachusetts Electric company rooms.

The panel to present the information will include Harriet J. Wright, Extension foods and nutrition specialist on "Nutrition and Menu Planning."

Marjorie M. Merchant, Extension specialist in consumer marketing education on "Food Marketing"; Kirby M. Hayes, Extension marketing specialist, food technology on "Food Preservation."

Legion Auxiliary Collecting Stamps

The local American Legion auxiliary is collecting used postage stamps to be sent to hospitals and schools. The stamps should be cut from envelopes with a half to a quarter of an inch of paper margin around them to be sure the stamp is not damaged.

These stamps are removed from the paper by the recipients and packaged to sell to collectors, work that can be easily done by handicapped.

Among the institutions to which stamps have been sent in the past are the School for the Deaf in Brattleboro, Vt., and Father Flanagan's Boys' Town. Save your stamps and give them to Mrs. Lura Stone, president of the auxiliary or to any member.

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Gfld. Winter Carnival Scheduled Jan. 21-25

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Among these is Einar Dohlen from the University of New Hampshire (an exchange student from Norway). Einar was top winner last year and holds the East Greenfield hill record. Other entrants include Roy Sherwood from Salisbury, Conn., who was national champion in 1954 and was on the 1956 Olympic team, Arthur Tokle from the Oden Ski club of Lake Telnar, N. J., who is a two-time national champion (in 1951 and 1953), a member of the 1952 Olympic team, and a member of the World Ski team in 1950, 1954 and 1958—a representative of the Brattleboro, Vt., Outing club will be Charles Tremblay, a member of the 1956 Olympic team. Class B entrants include Pat Irish of the Dartmouth Outing club and his cousin, David Farwell, of Montague, who will represent the University of Massachusetts.

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Holiday Decorations Termed Fire Hazard

Warnings are being issued from all local fire departments about Christmas trees left in the house for decorations. A dried out Christmas tree as it will be if it has been in the house since before Christmas is a definite fire hazard and should be removed immediately as should any other accumulation of greens, wrappings and papers.

The Northfield fire department was called out Saturday morning at about 11 a.m. to care for a very hot chimney fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mann on South Mountain road. The fire was confined to the chimney and no damage was reported.

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To Our Subscribers:

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Any of you who wish may of course write to us and we will refund a proportionate share of your subscription immediately. We have full expectation of republishing within a month or two in an entirely different way. If you prefer to wait your subscription will be extended automatically.

If we find that we cannot publish again, the unused proportionate share of your subscription will be mailed to you on March 15.

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Sunday, 5 p.m., annual parish Christmas supper at the Community Center, Mrs. Leo Bombay, chairman.

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Slice'n Bake a— FRILLY COOKIE TREE



Prettiest holiday goodie that ever graced a buffet or dressed up a dinner table, this Frilly Cookie Tree is easily homemade with slice'n bake cookie rolls from the grocer's dairy case. Use any of the four flavors with these directions:

Cut 2 rolls of Slice'n Bake Cookies in thin slices. Arrange slices in circles on ungreased baking sheets to make 8 scalloped-edge cookie layers. Use the following guide for diameters of the circles and the number of cookies used to make the outside edges; after forming the edges, fill in the circles with more cookies.

8" circle—12 cookie edge	4" circle—6 cookie edge
7" circle—11 cookie edge	3" circle—4 cookies in all
6" circle—9 cookie edge	2" circle—2 cookies in all
5" circle—7 cookie edge	1" circle—1 cookie in all

Also bake 14 additional cookie slices.

Bake cookies in moderate oven (375°) 7 to 11 minutes. Remove cookies from oven and immediately cut holes in each circle and each single slice with 1/4-inch cutter or thimble. Cool cookies 1 minute; then loosen with spatula and leave on baking sheet until thoroughly cooled.

Prepare 1 package Loaf-size Creamy Vanilla Frosting Mix as directed on label. Frost the 8 cookie circles; decorate with red cinnamon candies, and silver decorettes. Trim slender candle (about 1/4-inch in diameter) to about 9-inch length; place in low candle holder. Slip largest cookie circle over candle, next add 2 plain cookies, then the 7-inch circle. Continue, placing 2 plain cookies between each frosted circle, and ending with frosted 1-inch circle. Light candle for flaming centerpiece.

Kitchen Window

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their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh..." It appears that this gum-resin was an object of commerce with Eastern nations more than 3600 years ago. It was used in embalming and purifying esteemed as an unguent, and with other spices; cinnamon and aloes, used as a perfume and holy oil.

One source of myrrh comes from a small, low, prickly shrub of stunted growth, represented by two species of *Commiphora*—*C. kataf* and *C. myrrha*, which grow in rocky places in Arabia and eastern Africa. The smooth leaves on the spiny branches are few, and ternate, made up of three leaflets. The gum exuding from the bark is at first rather oily, yellowish and soft, becoming brittle with age. It has a bitter, aromatic taste and a pleasing balsamic odor.

Another source of myrrh is *Cistus* or rock-rose, a small evergreen or partly evergreen shrub that grows among rocks at the edge of the desert, on the plains and nearly everywhere in the Middle East. In Bible times it was probably mixed with true myrrh (*Commiphora*), used an incense and in the highly perfected art of embalming.

These gum-resins, so expensive and so precious, were indeed the most treasured of gifts for the Child the Wise Men wished to honor for the King. Harmar

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Holiday Stains Can Be Removed Easily

Sure as the holiday season arrives, homemakers are plagued the old question about how to remove candlewax drippings from the table linen or clothing.

Wax stains should not be difficult to remove at home, says Virginia Davis, Extension clothing specialist, University of Massachusetts. However, it does pay to use the best method on expensive table cloths or mats.

She says the first step is to gently scrape the hardened wax from the surface of the cloth with a dull knife. Then sponge the stain with cleaning fluid, as you would treat any grease spot. This is easier than the familiar method of laying the stained fabric on a blotter and pressing with a warm iron.

If any traces of color are left, they usually can be removed by sponging with a cloth dipped in a

Poultry Inspection Effective January 1

Massachusetts operators were reminded this week that the Poultry Products Inspection Act becomes fully operative Jan. 1, 1959. This means dressed poultry and poultry products which move interstate must be inspected for wholesomeness by an agent of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Inspection consists of examination and approval of individual carcasses by inspectors who are veterinarians or work under veterinary supervision in sanitary plants previously approved, reports the Cooperative Extension Service.

Excepted are poultry products from a producer-processor going directly interstate to household consumers or restaurants, hotels or boarding houses. The Agricultural Marketing Service of the U. S. D. A. is administering the regulation.

Passed in 1957, the new inspection law allowed plants to voluntarily ask for federal inspection after Jan. 1, 1958 or one year prior to its final effective date. Two of the four plants in Massachusetts presently are under inspection.

In early October, there were 387 plants in the U. S. under this type of inspection. It is estimated that about an equal number must qualify for inspection by the New Year to continue. There is a provision for a temporary delay in individual plants which have met approval and service cannot be provided.

mixture of two parts water to one part rubbing alcohol. With colored or printed table cloths, check the colorfastness before giving this last treatment, cautions Miss Davis.

Safety specialists add—whenever you use cleaning fluid, even a little, use it outdoors or in a well-ventilated room. The fumes can be poisonous. Also, keep away from the gift wrappings and trimmings and general array of flammable materials that abound during the holiday season.

Another stain which needs to be removed promptly is pitch which may drip from the greens that give your house a festive air. Miss Davis advises using a carpet sweeper or vacuum cleaner as soon as the needles fall.

Pitch may be removed by cleaning fluid. Use an eye dropper to moisten the spot, and rub with a clean cloth, from the outside toward the center of the stain. If your rug has a rubber backing, use as little cleaning fluid as possible and again, a great deal of ventilation.

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